

Amendments to the claims:

1. (currently amended) A coating for a structure with an integrated airbag, comprising a coating element which has a portion operative for covering an airbag box and being perforated in a region of an edge of said portion for covering the airbag box, and further comprising a plurality of perforation openings provided in the region of said edge of said portion, wherein said perforation openings at a side adapted to face the airbag have a greater diameter than at a visible side.

2. (currently amended) A coating as define in claim 1; and further comprising ~~a plurality of perforation openings provided in the region of said edge of said portion;~~ and filling means for filling said perforation openings.

8 ~~3~~. (original) A coating as defined in claim 2, wherein said filling means is means selected from the group consisting of a filler mass and an adhesive.

3 ~~1~~. (original) A coating as defined in claim 1, wherein said coating element is composed of a material selected from the group consisting of leather, synthetic leather, and a covering substance.

9 ~~5~~. (original) A coating as defined in claim 2, wherein said perforation openings are punching-produced perforation openings.

10 ~~8~~ (original) A coating as defined in claim 2, wherein said perforation openings are openings produced by piercing of a material of said coating element with means selected from the group consisting of a high pressure water jet, a laser, a needle, a cutter blade and a cutting device.

4 ~~7~~ (original) A coating as defined in claim 1, wherein said coating element has a thickness of between 0.6 mm and 2.8 mm.

8 ~~11~~ (currently amended) A coating as defined in claim 2, wherein said perforation openings have a diameter of 0.1 mm [-] to 0.5 mm.

9. (canceled)

5 ~~10~~ (original) A coating as defined in claim 1; and further comprising varnishing means provided at a visible side of said coating element and selected from the group consisting of a curry and a foam.

6 ~~11~~ (original) A coating as defined in claim 1; and further comprising varnishing means provided at a side of said coating element adapted to face the airbag and selected from the group consisting of a curry and a foam.

7 ^(original) ~~12.A~~ A coating as defined in claim 1, wherein said coating
element is a multi-layered coating element.